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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in the above-captioned application. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 7 and 10.

Please amend claims 8, 9, and 11-13, as shown in the attached sheets. A marked version of the claim set showing the changes made is also attached.

Remarks

By way of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-14 are pending. Claims 7 and 10 have been cancelled. Claims 8, 9, and 11-13 have been amended. These claim amendments are being made solely for purposes of placing the claims in a format appropriate for U.S. prosecution. Applicants submit that the amendments do not change the scope of the claims as originally filed. Such amendments are therefore made to address formalities in the claim


format and are not related to the patentability of the subject matter of the claims. No new matter was added by way of these claim amendments and additions.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the subject matter of the pending claims is patentable and that the instant application should accordingly be allowed. If the Examiner believes that a conversation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (203) 812-6450.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amended Claims (Attorney Docket No. LeA 35 206)

8. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one compound of the general formula (I) as defined in any one of claims 1 to 6.
9. (Amended) A process for preparing pharmaceutical compositions, characterized in that at least one compound of the general formula (I) as defined in any one of claims 1 to 6 is converted, using excipients or carriers, into a suitable administration form.
11. (Amended) A method of preventing or treating arteriosclerosis, obesity or hypercholesterolaemia comprising administering to a host in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of claim 8.
12. (Amended) A method of preventing or treating disease forms which can be treated with natural thyroid hormone comprising administering to a host in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of claim 8.
13. (Amended) A method for the treatment or prophylaxis of disorders comprising administering to a host in need thereof an effective amount of a compound as defined in any one of claims 1 to 6.

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Version with Markings to Show Changes to Claims

7. Cancelled.
8. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition [Medicaments,] comprising at least one compound of the general formula (I) as defined in any one of claims 1 to 6.
9. (Amended) A process for preparing pharmaceutical compositions [medicaments,] characterized in that at least one compound of the general formula (I) as defined in any one of claims 1 to 6 is converted, using excipients or carriers, into a suitable administration form.
10. Cancelled.
11. (Amended) A method of preventing or treating [Use according to Claim 8 for preparing medicaments for the treatment and/or prophylaxis of] arteriosclerosis, obesity [and/]or hypercholesterolaemia comprising administering to a host in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of claim 8.
12. (Amended) A method of preventing or treating [Use according to Claim 8 for preparing medicaments for the prophylaxis and/or treatment of] disease forms which can be treated with natural thyroid hormone comprising administering to a host in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of claim 8.
13. (Amended) A method for the treatment [and/] or prophylaxis of disorders[, characterized in that compounds] comprising administering to a host in need thereof an effective amount of a compound as defined in any one of claims 1 to 6 [are used].

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